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BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES POSTS TO BE FILLED BY CAREER PERSONNEL

Following the policy determined by Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, the intention to appoint career fisheries employees to the key positions of Director and Assistant Director in the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the reorganized United States Fish and Wildlife Service was announced today by Assistant Secretary Ross L. Leffler.

The name of Donald L. McKernan, Administrator, Alaska Commercial Fisheries, for the post of Director of the new Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has been submitted to the United States Civil Service Commission for its approval, and Andrew W. Anderson, Chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries, has been designated as Assistant Director. Both are career fisheries employees of the Service.

Mr. McKernan transferred to the position of Administrator of Alaska Commercial Fisheries in June 1955, after having served for three and one-half years as Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations in Honolulu, Hawaii. He also had extensive research and administration experience with the Washington State Department of Fisheries, where he was in charge of research on the shellfish resources of the State.

In 1950, Mr. McKernan spent four months in Japan as visiting fisheries expert at the request of the Department of the Army. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, and has completed more than two years of graduate work at that university.

Mr. Anderson, who was born April 25, 1901 in Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, joined the old Bureau of Fisheries in 1930 as a statistical and marketing agent. He is a graduate of the College of Fisheries of the University of Washington.

In 1937 Mr. Anderson organized the Fishery Market News Service which, through a nationwide reporting system, keeps the fishing industry informed on production, shipments, sales, storage and imports of fishery products. In 1943 he was named Chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries. He has served as fishery advisor on United States delegations to FAO conferences, as well as at the conference at Baguio which established the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council. In June 1952 he was designated Deputy Administrator of the Defense Fisheries Administration in the Department of the Interior. Previously he had been Chief of the Office of Operations in the defense fisheries organization, and was responsible for much of that agency's functional activities. Mr. Anderson has a residence in Washington, D. C.

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